

by rewards and distinctions. In fine, his superior mind directed the management of his domestic concerns with the same activity, and regularity which he evinced in the conduct of his affairs, and which he is calculated to display in any situation of life. In the superintendence of his household, he is assisted by his two daughters, Mrs. Randolph and Miss Maria, wise, handsome, modest and amiable women."

It was in the summer of 1796 that Jefferson reduced to definite form his speculations, on the subject of mould-board least resistance. He had been at work upon this problem years, and it was with great pride that he finally solved and put his ideal plows in operation in his own fields. In 1796 the official request of the English Board of Agriculture forwarded to them a model and description of his plow; a year or so later, he also sent one to the Agricultural Society of the Seine. Indeed, it was generally understood in France that Jefferson was the discoverer of a formula for constructing on mathematical principles, a mould-board of least resistant plows.

Although immersed in subjects of scientific agriculture Jefferson's mind had never really forsaken its old channels, letters of 1795 and 1796 constantly revert to political topics. Washington's address to Congress in November, 1790 attracted his keenest interest. This concerned exclusively measures which had been taken by the Executive to put the revolts in western Pennsylvania against the Excise Law. Since the passage of the law in March, 1791, there had been throughout this section constant protests and popular demonstrations. In the summer of 1794 these troubles culminated in a meeting of delegates at Pittsburgh,

at which a system of correspondence between the malcontents was established. 1 men continued to interrupt Federal officers in the discharge of their duties, and either drove them away or compelled to pledge themselves not to attempt to serve processes these measures had as their avowed purpose the repeal of law. Before resorting to force the President issued a proclamation of warning to the law-breakers. Randolph, Jeffe